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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: WAHEED ABDULLAH

REF: STATE 225892

1. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE TO OUR LAST
CABLE (KABUL 6789).

2. MR. ABDULLAH HAS AGREED TO ARRIVE IN OMAHA ON THE EVENING
OF SEPTEMBER 30. HIS ARRIVAL WILL EITHER BE AT 7:30 PM OR
10:00 PM DEPENDING UPON DEMANDS ON HIS TIME IN NEW YORK. WE
WILL FORWARD ARRIVAL DATA SOONEST.

3. YOU WILL HAVE TO HANDLE A DELICATE MATTER WITH TOM TOUTTIERRE.
I HAVE STAYED IN GOUTTIERRE'S HOUSE AND IT IS A FINE MID-WESTERN
HOME, BUT I DON'T THINK IT WILL DO FOR ABDULLAH TO STAY THERE

WHILE MALIKYAR AND NASSER-WIAYEE STAY IN RELATIVE LUXURY WITH
CONNIE DODGE. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, TOM FEELS HE HAS A CLOSE
PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH WAHEED ABDULLAH GOING BACK TO THE
PRE-COUP DAYS BEFORE WAHEED OCCUPIED HIS PRESENT JOB. NOW
THAT HE HAS RISEN TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, ABDULLAH STILL
LIKES GOUTTIERRE PERSONALLY, BUT I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A STRAIN
ON THEIR RELATIONSHIP AND ON OUR OVERALL VIBES WITH WAHEED IF
THE HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL WERE CARRIED THROUGH.
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ASSUMING CHANCELLOR ROSKENS (THE HOST) DOESN'T HAVE OFFICIAL

GUEST FACILITIES, I THINK THE SOLUTION IS TO PUT ABDULLAH AND MALIKYAR UP WITH CONNIE DODGE AND HAVE ABDUL AHAD NASSER-ZIAYEE STAY WITH GOUTTIERRE. THIS WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE FOR TOM SINCE NASSER-ZIAYEE IS A BRIGHT YOUNG UP-AND-COMING OFFICIAL OF THE GOVERNMENT AND A GOOD CONTACT. ALSO, NASSER-ZIAYEE IS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT TO NEBRASKA ON THE AFGHAN SIDE AND HE AND TOM COULD HANDLE THE COORDINATION MORE READILY IF ABDUL AHAD STAYED WITH TOM. ONE FINAL CONSIDERATION IS THAT WAHEED LIKES A STRONG DRINK AT THE END OF A LONG DAY, AND THE GOUTTIERRES ARE STRICT TEETOTALERS. I HOPE YOU CAN WORK THIS OUT.

4. THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR HELP, AND REGARDS.
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